United States Military Academy
Directorate of Admissions

West Point Parents' Club Presidents Admissions Info Briefing

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The Corps Starts Here!

DAD Mission

- *To enroll outstanding men and women each year who are motivated toward **completion of West Point** and a **military career**.*
- *To enroll a class of **desired composition** and diversity:*
  - *Leaders (20-25%)*
  - *Soldiers (12-15%)*
  - *Athletes (20-25%)*
  - *Scholars (20-25%)*
  - *Minorities (20-25%)*
  - *Women (10-12%)*

Educate

Train

Inspire

USMAPS Mission

To provide focused academic, military, and physical instruction in a moral-ethical military environment in order to prepare and motivate candidates for success at the United States Military Academy.

West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program Purpose

Provide partial scholarships for one year of post-secondary school education at junior military colleges or preparatory schools for carefully selected and highly motivated young people seeking admission to the United States Military Academy.

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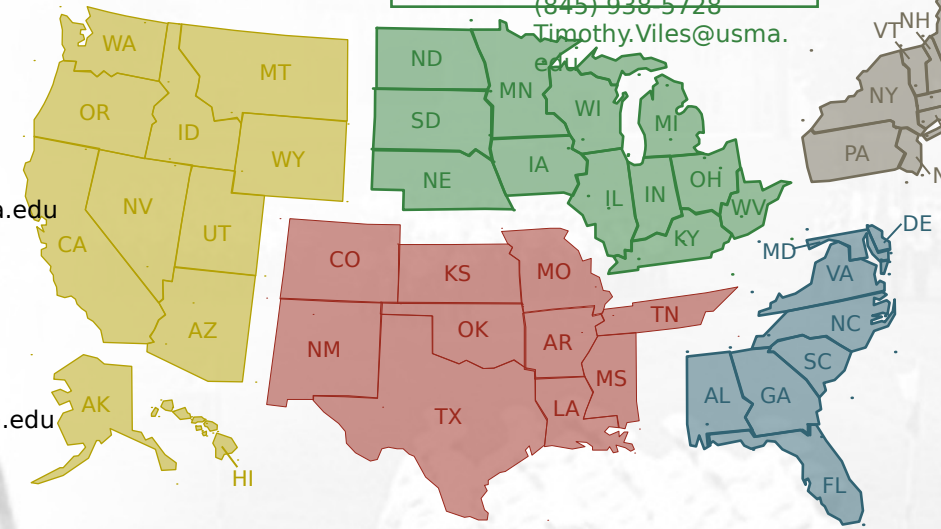

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Regional Organization

WPPC/WPS

Regional Commander

CPRC Volunteers

Outreach Officer

State/Regional Coordinators

Congressional District Coordinators

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Field Force Responsibilities

- Candidate Contact
- High School Visitation
- College Fairs & Academy Days
- CPRC & Outreach
- Special Events
- Local Congressional “Liaison”

The Recruiting Funnel
What is our workload?

find	PROSPECTS: Quality students everywhere	00,000+
inform	LEADS: Students interested	50,00 0+
inspire	CANDIDATES: Open files	10,000
	NOMINATED	4,000
QUALIFY	QUALIFIED	2,200
SELECT	OFFERS	1,530
inform	ACCEPTS	1,300
inspire	NEW CADETS	1,30 0

Counseling points

In considering college, take a good look at West Point.

Start a file at the end of your Junior Year and apply for nominations.

Make an effort to learn all there is to know about West Point and the Army:

- Read about West Point and the role of the officer in the Army.
- View videos at Congressional Academy Nights and By-Invitation Meetings.
- Discuss the opportunities and challenges with cadets and graduates.
- Visit West Point

Seriously consider an offer of admission to West Point based on factual information about the Military Academy, the Army, selfless service as an officer, and yourself.

Accept an offer of admission if:

- what West Point has to offer seems to be a good match for your abilities and aspirations, and
- you have the desire to give the Army your best effort as a career officer **leading soldiers**.

Do the same for the Army ROTC program at the civilian colleges to which you are applying.

Steps To West Point
The Admissions Process

NUMBER OF CANDIDATES		TIME OF ACTION
1,300	Report as a Cadet	JULY OF YEAR OF ADMISSION
2,350	Visit West Point	
	Await evaluation and status	
	Complete testing	
4,160	Obtain nomination	WINTER OF SENIOR YEAR
	Complete USMA Forms	
11,879	Start a File at West Point	SPRING OF JUNIOR YEAR
	Apply for a Nomination	
	Determine whether you meet the basic requirements	

Basic Candidate Requirements

Legal Requirements:

- 17-22 years old
- United States Citizen
- Unmarried
- Not pregnant; with no legal obligation to support a child

Leadership/character

- Clearly demonstrated in school, community, church, scouts, etc.

Academic Qualifications:

- Above-average High School or College academic record
- Strong performance on ACT/SAT

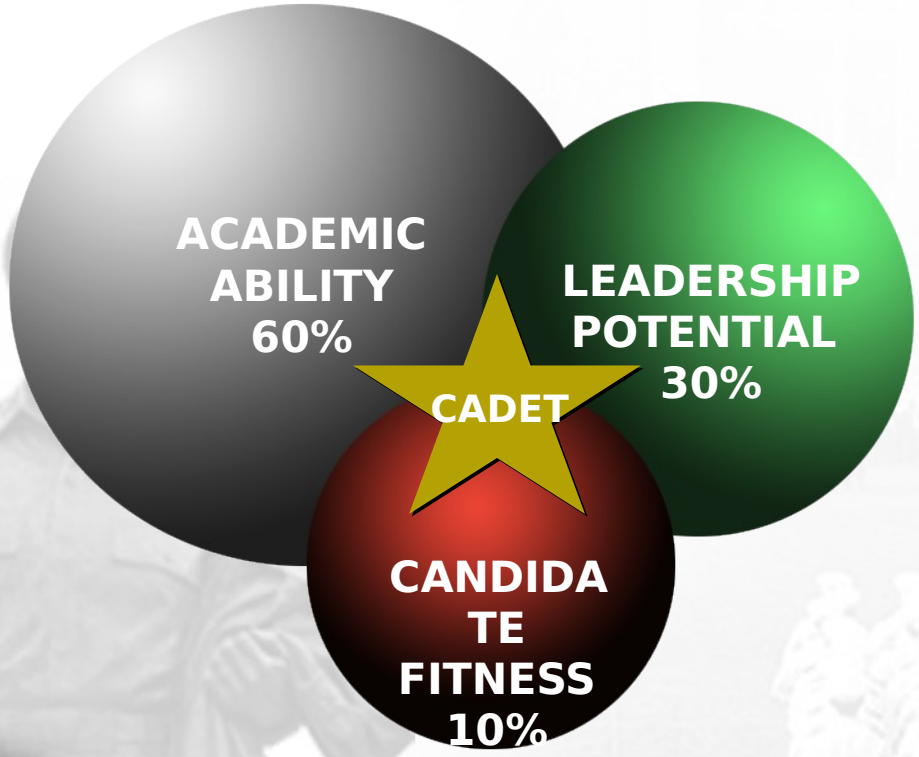
Medical Qualifications:

- Good physical and mental health
- Pass a Qualifying Medical Exam

Physical Qualifications:

- Above-average strength, endurance, and agility
- Good performance on Physical Aptitude Exam

Whole Candidate Concept



West Point seeks well-rounded young people who demonstrate excellent academic ability, leadership potential, and candidate fitness.

Definitions

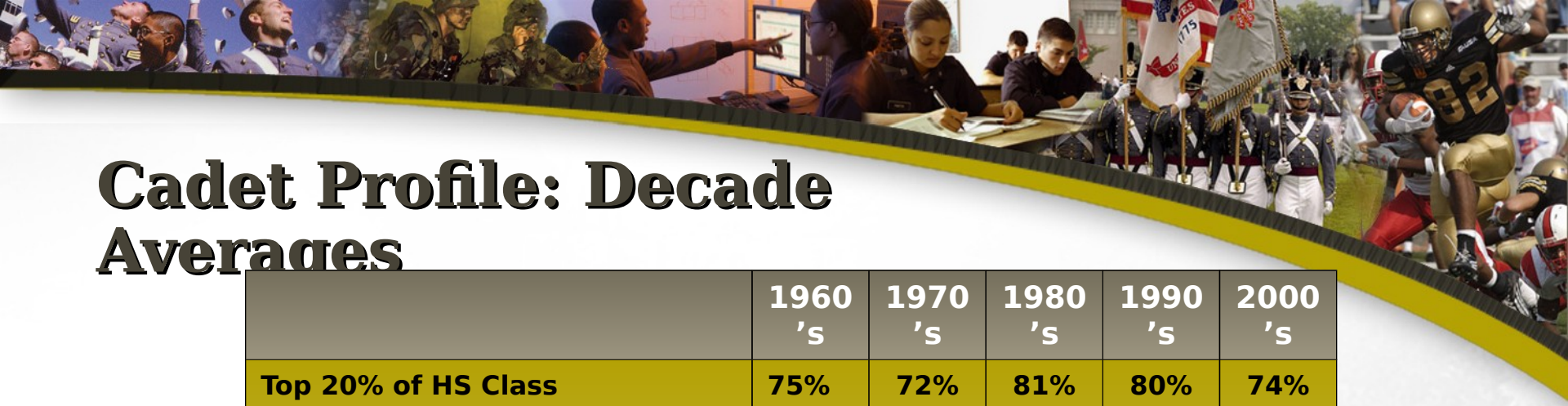
Nomination - The legal authority for USMA to consider a candidate for appointment

- Congressional
- Service Connected

Appointment - An offer of admission from USMA to the qualified nominee after Admissions Committee and medical qualification

Medical Screening

Medical screening is conducted to ensure that all applicants meet officer commissioning / retention standards upon graduation



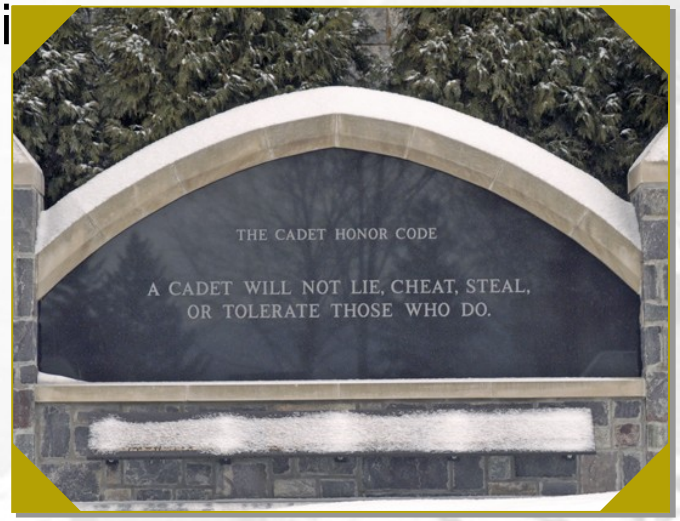
Cadet Profile: Decade Averages

	1960 ’s	1970 ’s	1980 ’s	1990 ’s	2000 ’s
Top 20% of HS Class	75%	72%	81%	80%	74%
Valedictorian	5%	5%	7%	7%	7%
Salutatorian	4%	4%	6%	5%	4%
National Merit Scholar	17%	17%	23%	20%	18%
National Honor Society	45%	84%	62%	62%	61%
Boys / Girls State	22%	24%	26%	22%	19%
Class / Student Body President	16%	20%	28%	21%	19%
Scouting Participant	58%	54%	44%	41%	43%
Eagle Scout / Gold Award	13%	14%	10%	12%	13%
Varsity Letter Winner	72%	80%	86%	88%	89%
Team Captain	34%	37%	47%	57%	59%
SAT Verbal*	603	622	632	631	625
SAT Math*	646	627	636	646	645

* SAT scores recentered in 1995, all scores are recentered scores

The West Point Experience

- Military Academy
- Honor Code
- Senior Class Responsible for Leadershi
- Summer Training
- Broad Academic Experience
- Activities
- Financial Independence
- Career Opportunities



How Can You Help?

- Get the word out about the great opportunity that USMA and ROTC scholarships through all available means in your states
- Work directly with your Admissions Field Force from your states encouraging talented students to apply to West Point
- Support local USMA recruiting efforts by opening doors for educational briefings to civic, church, scout, athletic conventions, etc.

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OFFICERSHIP – the special privilege of a commission

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SELFLESS SERVICE – without question or complaint, by personal example

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LEADERSHIP – motivating, inspiring, training and leading our soldiers to win our Nation's wars